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Peking
March 17. 1927

~~Dearest Ones~~:
My! I'm again a wee bit late starting my letter home. This is ~~Friday~~ this + mail goes to Seattle on Sat a.m. so I must rush along! I will be pretty busy these next few days too — have been all melp. My! how the time just flies by. Our month is up + before we could realize it at all I'm staying still another month. Haven't moved all over but will give up my room at language school for good tho I can leave my boxes in the trunk room for another month + will try it in warmer weather. I've weighed + weighed advantages of both places + feel that those of this place still outweigh those of the other. Tho I haven't learned many new words yet I've practised what I have + had more opportunity to hear it spoken. Besides these folks are just so lonely + I haven't any real reason for leaving that it might hurt them. They are so very kind + thoughtful. We wonder sometimes since neither of them have been a foreign country how in many little ways their tastes are foreign. Mr + Chin's especially for instance if we leave the table before them he will sit till we have gone — he hurries to turn on lights for us and is always afraid the food isn't good enough. He + Mrs Chin came up one evening to hear the guitar + Sorat went for her chair — so next a.m. he decided our 2 chairs each were not enough + sent up an extra each. The food is agreeing with us + by supplementing a few fruits we have a well balanced diet. So for one more month I'll try it. I hope this isn't disquieting news — for we are perfectly well + safe + happy + enjoy it so much! Last week when mail came we were talking about your folks + Mr. Chen with a deep bow asked me to give you their greetings + regards!

This week I've gone in Teksla every morning it is 36 coppers or 18 or less pennies apiece — but

2) often haven't time to walk even to the street car. I always come home on it walk quite a distance, the street car fare is 7 coppers or 2 cents. It is less strain to rush around in A.M. & this ricksha man is particularly nice & fast. He waits each morning for me. Saturday Sarah & I spent most of A.M. & P.M. outside one of the big gates in shopping district. We want to get fur-lined Chinese coats for country (have to get all such before we leave Peking) so we thought if this time of year were cheaper we'd buy now! (Earl will laugh at my bargains - yes - bargains in China - we had the word for it this week) but found they weren't any time we can get nice fur lining for $27 - or $30 - $35 - Mex - so will get it later. I think next year I get that brown coat lined with camel's hair cloth - it will do I think then & be warm enuf for outside wear. - I don't want a fur outside coat as some get. Got my fur double rug back today from mission work room where they lined it. May get a camel's hair sleeping bag - about $10 Mex too for country wear many get down but that's $30. & too much difference in price for warmth; I expect I'll come back here after summer term at Pitaiha & get necessary outfit then. I don't want to now as we never know what changes in Palatics will bring - so later is time enuf! We had such fun in the stores outside Chien men. I wanted a stone (alexandrite - blue in day time & red a night can only get them here) so went into one shop - they wanted $12.00 for it & I said $3 was enuf to pay & told why as I seen others for that - finally they said yes I could have it but they'd lose money - I answered "then I won't buy I don't want you to lose money" - They thought it was quite funny - & had to

3| admit then that they wouldn't lose money. We can get silver settings so cheap. Peare's scarab was $1.20 Mex = 55¢ gold - + in that store in Salem it would have been $5 gold. Then Sat. P.M. after dinner a little Chinese boy from chow chang (Soup kitchen) came to get me to go over to a fair with him. We had a big conversation + lots of fun talking chinese! He is a cute youngster! He is the one who taught me "Jesus Loves me" in chinese. So the day flew + in the evening four girls from P.U.M.C. chinese in training whom Sarah knew came over. The guitar is quite an attraction. They love it + the short easy choruses. They sang + we made fudge. That is a very real advantage of being here - we meet Chinese in a way we never could otherwise. These girls are especially attractive + charming. One - with whom Sarah roomed 3 years at P.U.M.C. in training is being sent to Columbia to study next year. She is translating these choruses into Chinese for me. She is very pretty + very fine. They are just as sweet as can be. Another one is quite musical + liked it guitar so much that she bought one + came over last night to get it tuned + choruses copied. There is a concert tonight at P.U.M.C. by Peking Choral Society + she got tickets for Sarah + me. It was very sweet of her to do it!

Spent last Sun. A.M. resting + having church of my own + went in P.M. to see Betty. We had the biggest snow! all gone now but coming home in the moonlight with all white was a treat. The "lovely straw hats appeared again perched at all imaginable angles on top of wool caps. Betty is better - gaining slowly but gets very weary. Our trip to Haidien for

4] The week end was postponed so we'll go Sat. A.M. Tomorrow ends this term's work. We've had exams (oral) all week & by a church service in A.M. it will close. In the P.M. will repack those boxes to leave & give up that room. For a missionary institution which this is supposed to be we surely have few religious services or meetings so it seems all the more unusual to make close of term a church service. We can be thankful for that I guess. The lack can be explained I guess in the fact that the school has gotten bigger & tries to accomodate all classes, merchants, diplomats, etc — & that has made it lose the spiritual tone. Of course it isn't wholly supported by mission money but missions contribute to its support. No mail at all this week — guess won't get it but every two weeks now. as the President boats have changed to that schedule.

Have still a few pictures to collect for that street description — Will try to get it off soon. Did I tell you about meeting Mrs. Wo — the wife of Warren's friend? I can't remember — for sure — it seems I did. Theris Betty calling on phone. In three weeks we have a week's vacation — don't know just what I'll do but guess I may stay here — or perhaps go out to Mrs. Gordon's 30 miles in the country for a few days. Her mother was at Yihsien & I'd like so to see her & know more of Yihsien. I want to write Bud so I'll do that now & finish yours tomorrow dearest ones.

P.M. Friday. Have finished a big job organizing my things & giving up my room. — Leaving trunk & boxes in the store room. I hate to give up the room but that's silly! — for it isn't for long. Must close this now. My heart is full of love for you dear ones — and for Him & with the great privilege of being His Service here — !!

Oh I must tell you what a funny thing I heard

A girl from Corvallis told me her mother sent her a piece out of Portland Telegram of Feb — don't the date in which all the Oregon folks in China where told + pictures given of Those Whose Lives were in Danger In China + my picture was in it. Imagine !!! You may have read it — if so please send me a copy — She destroyed hers! At the time she told me I was seated enjoying a wonderful concert!! —

Great danger It is killing!

Bye lots of love

Irene

Sun. a. m.
March 27. 1927

My dearest loved ones;

I suppose you've had all kinds of news in the paper this morning concerning the Nanking incident; The two Presby. missionaries were killed I don't know what papers there have said but doubtless enough! & headlines galore! Well, we had a big pow-wow with Chen Tsien sheng last night and he said this about it. The Nationalist Party has what is called the Right & Left wing - the Right wing most moderate & really working for the good of China - that has Chiang-Kai-Shik at the head of it. The Left wing is pure Red. It has been seen for some time but recently the split has come open. Formerly the Red element were in the Nationalist part but were controlled. In last week or so there has come a definite split between the two - the Left or Reds controlled by Borodin from Russia. These Reds are the active ones in anti-Christian propaganda, anti-foreign & really anti-everything. The papers Friday said Chiang Kai shik was going to fight the Reds, as well as northerners. At Nanking the Nationalists got to Yantze River & were fighting the northerners for the city. Chiang Kai shik formerly had disbanded this group of Reds from the army & they were very angry. So during the battle between N. & S. these disbanded Reds went to the Legation and killed the foreigners, burned the American School - with the direct object of getting the conservative Nationals into trouble with the foreign powers. The Legation too was in between the fighting armies! So it was Rev. J. E. Williams & Anna Moffat were the two Americans, the Japanese Consul, & an English consul

The paper said all were there after being warned by the consuls to leave. This will of course make the State department's altitude less strong. We must realize it was in a revolution and the killing done by the reactionary Red wing purposely to embarass the Nationalists. We asked Mr. + Mrs. Chen if our presence here in any way endangered them + if so we'd leave. They insisted that it did not + they had no fear for two reasons — that the Red element if it reached Peking at all, which he does not expect, it will come very slowly. In that case no one foreign nor Chinese will have any advantage as Red are "pro-everything". In fact in every way they said they'd no fear. We thought we'd care of anti-foreign feeling our presence might endanger them but they insist now. In fact I feel we are safer here for a foreign settlement — as Language School would be sure to be known of. All of this is just in case but we wanted to be fair to them. I think I'll move those other boxes here because should we be ordered out (no danger now we're planning if I could get things there — besides if I have to leave things I'd rather they'd have them + might use them + then if on return I could get them. So unless I get order from Shantung forbidding me to stay here longer. I'll do that! We wonder about Helen Whitaker but feel sure she is in Shanghai as paper said all foreigners were out now. I know how you'll be feeling with such news in the papers but I still trust in God to keep you in perfect peace. Haven't seen today's paper as yet so don't know of anything new. There was a big mail from America for Peking 8 days ago but it hasn't come yet — probably tied up in the

3] seamans strike in Shanghai. It is time again for mail almost three weeks!! Yesterday I spent writing letter to Board, to Ray to Mrs. Layman. That's the New year customs write-up but am still waiting for the door decorations which a chinese girl is going to make for me. Then wrote on the street description - gradually getting the pictures collected + revised the write-up. Somehow I was just in the mood to work on it. We made fudge before supper - then two Chinese nurses friends of Soras from P.U.M.C. came over + we talked over days the situation + sang + then skipped to bed. I felt so relieved that we can stay on here for I love these folks so. When it was being discussed Mr. Chen said to Hilda - This Chinese girl - "If they go won't you come over every day" I. We are glad they feel that way about us. Betty Wright from interior is returning to Tientsin has friends there + it will be better for her. But said today she hated to leave here - as all her 7 yrs in China she wanted to live with Chinese + couldn't + she considered these exceptionally fine + Mr. Chen a Chinese of the highest type. He is a man of unusually fine sensibilities + splendid. We feel all the more happy in being here. Today we had such good food this mien - like flat macononi with best rich brown bean sauce - I love it - But I never feel particularly beautiful eating it - I begining to marvel more + more at the use of chapsticks! To think I ate two big bowls of that slippery mien. It is long - endless + you get some ends in your mouth + draw it in till you have a mouth full + then bite it off - to get your breath - I'm always reminded of the "Kooksu" Eater Korean. we read in missionary. Kooksu is finer I guess but I defy the world to make anything more slippery than this. We ended the meal with tart pears - Will now try to write to Bud + Pula - to enclose in the copy letter - How many letters I owe!! One can only do so

much tho + there is a limit, Bishop Grose of M. E. church preached this A.M. on "The Mind of Christ" + it was splendid. and they sang my two favorite songs — God seems very near + dear + close these days! What joy + peace he does give us as we walk with Him — but oh when I see the bigness of the task I feel so little! But he didn't command us to feel big but just to go + tell + be faithful + Hill do the big part! I'm glad for that. Surely these days as we see folks having to leave work of years + in seeming failure we must again realize "our ways aren't His" and may we be so surrendered to His will that we can follow his leading, without asking why but knowing that Rom 8:28, 1 Cor 15:58 are still true + he is bringing out of the chaos His will! May these two missy lives on the altar call the Presbyterians to their faces to pray for China, that gov't's will deal justly + that God's kingdom can come. The nationalist order that schools must not teach the Bible, which if not recinded, will close many schools + institutions. Perhaps this is to stop the wrong (as we see it) emphasis on a really Christless educational system. Many really christian schools may have to go in order to stop the sources from which modern destructive teaching comes (don't quote this last in paper) and then put Chinese themselves under the problem + they can themselves work out their problems by guidance of Holy Spirit without the stigma of Christ — "a westerner" hopelessly associated with all, slip that foreigners bring — cigarettes, oil — even dance etc! Our own little parts + dream for ourselves must melt to nothing if necessary. "Be the grain of wheat to fall in the ground and die" — literally if need be — + surely literally to inde designs + ambitions — and be utterly empty of self to follow His will — even if it should mean a return for a time, home, or never return or whatever will best serve His cause. We are so human to want to see all the way + ask why? but His will be best + I feel confident whatever comes — "He makes the wrath of men to praise Him" + still rules! God keep you in peace! I am at perfect peace only ask to walk with Him!

Bye dears, lots + lots of love, Irene

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Pyengyang, Korea
c/o W. R. Reynolds
April 18, 1927

My dearest Ones:

Nothing like the unexpected in this life - here we are - seated under a great spreading tree with its pale green, new leaves - over to right a cherry tree just ready to burst in bloom - birds chirping on all sides - way in front a great yellow hedge in bloom - (looks like the "Scotch broom" there) - on beyond the red brick houses of the great Presbyterian compound - The dull buzz of flies & bees makes a lazy tune of late summer rather than early Spring! Violets coming up - picked my first this year - all in this ultra-peaceful spot - how can we believe there is war + men killing each other - most unlikely + impossible of all is the thought of our own country possibly being involved in a horrible mass over nothing!

Maybe you'd enjoy a bit of very definite news - rather than my "musings under the wells

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My dearest Ones:

Monday since I wrote you last letter — we set off for the [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

2) tree" W here shall I begin - I believe I ended my last one after our decision to go - I went to relaal for two days of the week + then Wed. A.M. to tell "Dearest" goodbye and do the last errands. Then went to buy ticket, finish at bank, buy yen - as all is Japanese here - make final arrangements for the luggage - after dinner the carts came + we went with all our luggage (Sarah's about equal to mine) to the depot - We couldn't get them checked till seven o'clock + we expected a jam. How the Lord did plan + help in all. Our carts were second in line + there were practically no others there to check - so we got ours all done + weighed + checked ($40.00 M. ex.) excess luggage + when we were just through the mobs began to come + what a jam at the window. We were so glad it was over! On the way home we bought a lovely flower for Mr. + Mrs. Chen + one for her little old mother who lives with them. She was so pleased! Then after supper fixed last bits + got to bed early - to get up early Mrs. Chen came up to visit

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3] ~~too~~ a while. Up early next a.m. to get our bedding in the roll + eat breakfast to get off. Mr. + Mrs Chen were up early too. When he came to the table he brought two fans which he himself had made - I mean he had decorated - They were lovely on one side characters + on the other side an apple blossom design - He had done them for us. It was so sweet - Then they said they were going with us to the depot - of course we insisted not and he said they wanted to as when we'd leave the house would be so empty! I wish I could give you an adequate idea of these two lovely folks!!! It just nearly brake us up to leave them! Mr. Chen is one of China's most excellent scholars + a refined gentleman - with all the fine qualities of the old Chinese gentleman, with Christianity and envy of the best of the new ideas to be most ideal. One writer says of these scholars that when they meet they talk of poetry, beauty in nature, and art, This sounds effiminate to our western way of thinking of men — but one just doesn't

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+] think of such a thing in connection with him. He is practical - intensely interested in daily affairs of China + all that — Someway the gift of the lovely fans just fit him so well - we've noticed many times, discussing any subject of beauty of mountains he just seems all radiant + loves to describe beautiful spots he has seen - Someway we've felt him for superior to Chinese western trained - [we've had little change to speak judging all of the later so this statement must be taken as individual opinion]. Mrs. Chen fixed us such a delicious lunch of the little steamed cakes with bean - filling we love so, fruit + cake candy + sandwiches. For a week before we left things were getting more + more peaceful + the teachers began to laugh at all the Americans leaving + Mr. Chen said, "go to Korea + sight-see + come back in a month" It seemed most absurd to go on this morning - lovely spring sunshine with birds singing + all on the surface at least absolutely peaceful. We made quite a procession - four rickshas - with our hand luggage piled in! Mr. Chen in his lovely long silk coat + short silk one + glasses! There for

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4] dignified ornamentation) Mrs. Chen in her sick coat — they went with us to our compartment & we visited (I think I told you a Mr. & Mr. Davis canceled theirs at last so we got it) What a sweet last few minutes we had & we hated so to tell them goodbye. They said when we came back we should come right there & I am glad they weren't glad to get rid of us — I only hope our presence gave them a wee bit of the joy they gave us! The train pulled out & we'd left Peking — a very sweet ending to a most enjoyable chapter of our lives!! I am away as we left we had a feeling it would be for a long time tho Mr. Chen kept comforting us saying it won't be long! The train was quite full & all foreigners were leaving very soon. We rode thru the country all that day - past villages & farms - near Tientsin especially interesting were the salt mills by used of about 12-15 square sails hanging from a frame they pump salty water up in little fields where water evaporates & they get the salt. This salt money has for years been one of the greatest sources of income to the government; — now used for armies

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6. We passed Peitaiho beach where almost all foreigners of North China go in the heat — + we'd been planning to go for the summer — how beautiful the ocean looked — lovely + blue — Then on to Shanhaikuan on the border of Manchuria — where the great wall of China comes right over some high mountains, rambles across the plains right to the waters edge. Mrs. Fenn says one is supposed to sit on edge + throw in the last stone for good luck — Those stones only weigh a few hundred pounds — so the last one is still there — To realize that wall was built 500 years before Christ — gives one an idea of the age of this great people. As we rode along with just hundreds of graves a dirt mound a few feet high — just recently fixed up on Apr. 5 + with food + incense put one we realized as Mrs. Mateer quoted from Bryants "Thanatopsis" to the numbers now on the earth are but a handful to those who slumber beneath the surface — even with Chinas 440 M. + all these centuries of them — its staggering! The wall was most interesting + I was glad

7] to see it since I'd missed it before. We had our supper with our old ladies - Bless them - it was so nice to be able to help them - Mrs. Mather + Miss McKillikan who have spent so many years in faithful witnessing in China!! I feel we surely owe them reverence for their parts. When Miss McKillikan came she went out in fields to work along with women thining rice + getting sticks for fire - anything to get in contact with them - They were very sorry to leave as she at least will most likely not be back. It is hard for those whose lives are here + whose all has been given to know we can understand only a wee bit - but we do so - such a love has come to me for the Chinese - I believe always they will be my first love - ah they need so much!!! She Mrs. Mather + Miss McKillican had expected to sit up all the way but got a compartment + we also at last got a compartment + we decided why the Lord planned so for us who could have stood the sitting up - it was in order to give those dear ladies a lower berth - as neither could have climbed up! We got in Mukden, Manchuria at 7 A.M. + some missys took me

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8] M. + McK. to his home + we ate breakfast at the Japanese hotel. Too we got a room for the day so they'd have a place to rest as the train left at eleven at night. We were so hungry we made good our one hot meal - got reservations + off to bank to cash yen. Had a little tiff with the rickisha men when the hotel man bargained with them. They thought we were green + would get more, so followed us a long way, calling after us - even went to the length to tell us that the women gave too little money they said they were ugly! We told them we knew it already - By crossing thru a park we lost them + got on a bus going somewhere we didn't know where - rode a while + got off at a kind of public market - watched fortune tellers in little booths - shifting wooden blocks with characters + long bamboo sticks etc - - - to tell the man where to build his door + that the south side was unlucky + another man how to cure diseases etc! The awful superstition of it all! + they were believing it in earnest!! We felt badly for them + wished we had brought some Chinese tracts we had. It was hard to talk here a. many were Japs + Russians.

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9) We found some tho whom we could talk to. At one great clump of folks [Sarah just counted up our checked luggage all together, counting ladies — 15 pig checked & 14 pieces of hang baggage ~~[illegible]~~]. A horrible dirty beggar with open sores & twisting himself in awful contortions to get money — the economic conditions force much begging tho often it is professional. Then we went to Amer consulate to get a pass for all Manchurian palaces but couldn't so instead went to the old tombs 2 miles from city. They called an old dilapidated carriage — open variety of old phaeton & we rattled in state out to the tombs. It was so pretty there — great trees & beautiful buildings — There were very few other trees on landscape just open fields still sere & brown & dusty! The tomb of a Manchu emporir had three courts & various buildings all well kept with beautiful yellow tile roofs — & bright painted woodwork under the eaves! One the way back we got into a dust storm you read about & were yellower than any Chinese when we reached the hotel. We ate our lunch there & all had a sleep & then I played & we sang & had evening prayers — then went to the train to come to Pyengyang

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9 We all got asleep once + woke up about to die with the heat —
Sarah got the porter to open something he didn't understand — so she wrote Chinese characters which he read — evidently appreciated her knowledge only for it did no good! Then she tried to talk more Chinese to him (he was Japanese) when he turned straight in the aisle + with vicious gestures by both arms he delivered his ultimatum "do not understand English" + departed! leaving us to our heat when the train gave a jerk and out went the head of my berth fell out — so hot as I was I burrowed down again in the covers — till the damage was repaired!! Next day at 7 — we went thru customs. Ordinarily Korea has 100% duty + strict as can be but they let us thru without any trouble — they're letting all refugees thru —. We then came to Korea proper —. Thru the farming section + it was interesting. a little house with thatched roof — thatching going all the way to the ground — on sides + ends giving it the appearance of a kind of glorified hay stack — all ploughed with oxen — we saw very few carts, no horses + people all seemed to

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11) walk were ever they went — We'd been seeing white as funeral color in China so were quite surprised to see all the grown folks here wearing white — white full pants tied in at the ankles with long white coat tied on the side, with white stockings and straw or rubber (similar to leather in appearance) shoes — but the lots beggar all powers to describe !! Little black ones with high crowns perched up on top of their heads. I'll get pictures & some dolls if possible to send as they are too quaint !!! — I'll write more of Korea & Pyenyang later. We arrived & were met by the committee on housing the refugees — & were taken to Miss Hayes (the one who wrote those Korean letters we enjoyed so) who assigned us — to Mr & Mrs. Reynolds — of Southern Presbyterian Board — he teaches in the Theological Seminary here — Miss Wright of Nanshuchow who was on the boat coming over with us is there too. Betty Turner & Harriett Stroh were here before we — (I didn't know where Betty was coming she left before with her station people

12) Sara + I have a lovely big airy room + are so nicely fixed. These people are lovely so hospitable the Southern hospitality one reads about - + we feel so at home there already - of course their southern biscuits delight Sara's southern heart - We are surely fortunate to be able to stay here. There are two daughters and they are most delightful We do enjoy them so much.

Evening.

Now we've done what we've been planning to do since evacuating we might as well relieve yours minds since all are safe + away from war area. so we've gone over to send the cable to the Board to wire you. See this is quite an unusual performance for us. We went over to Mr. Reiner's - he has the mission code book so you see a few letters send expressions. We've sent it together to save money - it read as we sent it Inculcate New York (that's the Board) Forsythe + Perkins (then come some letters which mean perfectly safe and well Pyengyang, Korea then some more letters which mean wire relatives - and Edith - that

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13) means that is for S's girl's friend but I knew even if you got it it wouldn't matter as you'd know it meant someone else + so long as you got the safe in Korea part it was O.K. I hope receiving it won't startle you + that it will get thru all right so you'll get the message right. This is Mon. night I'll send it Tues a.m. from here + you'll get it Mon night or Tues. Queer isn't it. We send it today + you get it yesterday! We just got back from sending it + here was a lot of mail already forwarded from Peking - a letter from Aunt Anna - Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Bell in Portland + a couple of girls - Imagine in Aunt Anna's she said they felt sorry for "poor Margaret as I was near her + didn't go to see her so of course she'd not come to Ohio to see me. Aunt Anna said she excused me as best she could. Mercy sakes! I'd no idea she wanted me to stay. She never did acknowledge my apology over omitting Mr. Wray from commencement invitation nor ever with slightest taken of Christmas card showed slightest desire to keep in touch + they knew months before I came of my

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14 plans to go East + she never as much as thru aunt Anna asked me to come near. I didn't want to slight her but in a rush of time + places I didn't think of going for I'd no idea she wanted to see me. I have no grudge against her nor anything at all - only it is a question of not pushing myself in where not wanted! She also told me of Dikie's father's death - I was surely shocked - it will be hard as Dike is expecting a baby in June!

I am still interested in the Roseburg trade but be slow + be sure - That was a good letter from Bernice That was very nice of Mr. Hansen to remember me! It surely is sweet of all to remember me. I was such a joy to get letters so soon! Thanks for the Victrola catalogue - I'll keep it or give it to Betty - she has a collapsable victrola.

Heard one good night - There is a possibility of a transfer being made for us never mis-sionaries + since they've asked for three or four country evan-gelistic workers + Mr. Hamilton

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15) said I'd know before very long. I have had all kinds of feelings about it — of course if we can't go back to China for several years + its a choice of going home - I'll gladly begin on this + work here. If there is a chance of going back - China is my first love.

Of course this mission is so absolutely fundamental + Korea the model of the world it would be a great experience. My part is to leave it with God + rest surrendered in His will + let Him lead - I can not see nor know nor decide. It is not in my power in the least - my part is to be the empty surrendered vessel for His use as He wills + be glad - so I'll let Him lead - His will is Best - "Nothing this truth can dim He gives the very best to those who leave the choice with Him".

It is late now I must get to bed. - we read a bit of

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(6) Luke today in Chinese but these girls are all so advanced above me - I don't know that I'll get much out of it - I'll see no teacher in sight as yet.
We went to see Kindergartens today -

I must not begin on Korea in this - later

~~Now bless ones good-night & before this letter leaves you'll be easy in mind as to safety.~~
You'll be interested in the price - 10.44 yen - about $5.00 gold & divided between 3 ora & I is $2.50 gold - a small price for your peace of mind.

~~Much love dearest ones & how I love you! How good the Father is to us! I just praise Him.~~

~~Most lovingly -~~
~~Irene~~

Pyengyang, Korea
April 26, 1927.

My Precious Family:
Tomorrow is Wed. - letter a few days late - but here I don't know about boats at all so will just write - can only begin my letter now it is nine o'clock. Your last letter forwarded here from Peking was written from Roseburg - & enclosed the sweet letters from the boys! & Joy Joy their pictures! Yes I could tell them apart - I wonder if Richard is so much taller - he looks so in the picture & not like himself! but anyway I know how difficult to get a picture of them - alike & I appreciate this fully. Thank you very much. Those were fine letters boys!! I could read them so well & they were well written!! Write again to Aunt Irene!
Eula I appreciated your writing on the envelope - I supposed the letter was from you anyway it was good to see your writing! Thank you for the calendar - Sister dear - if I don't know days surely you are not to blame you've done your share keeping me straight! I am so delighted that Mary & Henry at last got some twins & the little twins of all!! That is wonderful! Did the father give them

3) very sweet leading. We came on Sat. and on Monday asked for a teacher The pastor of the Chinese church here and groceryman who knows all the Chinese said no hope. Yes, this man who formerly taught in Shanghai Baptist College + is a splendid Christian came to Pyengyang without definite work in view but hoping to help some in the church. However he will give us all the time we need. So the advanced girls (Ruth Willis Betty Wright + Adelia Halleck all of Gnanhsuchow Anhwei station) with Sara read Luke and I have an hour in A.M + one P.M. The week before we had him I reviewed a lot on recognizing character + writing them + had such fun doing it. We're really putting more extensive study on the language now as I have to dig lots by myself. We eat breakfast at 8 - I study 8-10 then recite till eleven + then prepare P.M. work. dinner 12:30. 1:30-2:30 teacher 2:30-4 after study. An hour walk or rest - supper 6:30 + study some at night or try to write a bit or sometimes by the time we've visited over supper, had prayers + get up it is past eight — so you see how it goes. I have class on

2] up for good & did they adopt them for keeps or just to raise. Did they go to Chicago for them? It is so nice for the babies too! It isn't every family who wants twins!"

You surely do have good excuses to visit at Roseburg. I'm glad for that if nothing else — the hope or possibility of a trade continually ahead gives you chance to see the babes & Eula & Ray. I should not be sprised but eventually you'd move! I do rejoice with Eula over her class & I know how she must enjoy it & pray she will be a marvelous channel of blessing to them! That's funny about the electric treatment — didn't need it or expect help — thats why it didn't help you!! Christian Science eh? I hope you just insist on having the house comfy if you trade! I feel perfectly sick about Opal & Lloyd!! but I'm still praying for them to go to Moody! How can they live let alone, save to go back to M.B.I — So glad for Glenn's raise! — another answer to prayer. Isn't that great Glenn the proud father announcing the arrival of the tooth! Tell me how the McPherson split in Ray's church is coming —! How is Bud's new work progressing! Splendidly I trust!

For about five days we've had a Chinese teacher; It seems a

Saturday a.m. also - The evangelistic terms + work is quite hard - it keeps me hustling. That accounts a bit for the delay of this letter + too I was away all day Sun, + that too delayed it.

The first week we were here we went to visit Kindergarten - a fine building - built out of a 10,000 yen fund which a Korean gave for it. It was doing splendid work, and was most interesting. Then we went to the Woman's Bible Institute where country women come for a few weeks instruction and then go to their churches. They bring their own food + cook it. Mission has building where they live + furnishes wood. It is splendidly organized + on a wonderful system. It is especially interesting as it's worked out with the plan of Bible classes for country and just what shall be taught I want to learn more in detail later. We're to get a copy of their outline of course later and it will be invaluable. These have attended chapel. heard them sing pray + read the Bible in Korean

5] How earnest they are and the spirit of worship is wonderful! They remove their shoes at the door & sit on the matting covered floor - then to pray the bow with heads almost on the floor - It was a sight to see them all in white with their quaint headdress of the older women & the shining black hair all combed the same among the younger girls! Then that week we visited chapel at Miss Snook's girls school - mentioned in that letter. Since we've had the teacher we've worked with exception of yesterday & will make it up! We feel it is still our job tho we were evacuated & as long as we've nothing else we must keep at it! I spoke in your last letter I think of the possibility of transfer - & the Board advising that for Junior missionaries but left to the executive committee here - They decided not to do anything till June - See our language term ends then so that makes us have to finish this term. - so the battle is on!

The letter inside I want to be read to the Ladies Aid Especially then Mr. Gill can have it but since they heard the "Kookai"

7] must have been over 30 received into the church! Such a night!! Truly God is no respector of persons. As we listen to the strange sounding but soft musical tones we realize God understands it all & we feel that it is after all just the heart that counts — the color of skin or tongue is an incident! Then at four after a wee snooze in her bed we went to foreign church - just got home in time to help get supper! It was so like home. Mrs Reynolds has the cook & helper (Korean) have after dinner when there are so many here but after breakfast when only a few so we get supper. Such a nice kitchen. It was fun cooking making salad and cutting bread! They are just such lovely people. Mrs. Reynolds keeps predicting my transfer and tonight said — you remember as long as you're in Korea this is your home & we'll just keep you! It was sweet of her!

This letter has been dragging out so long! I must get it off. Betty is here. She is with Harriet Stroh from Hwangyuan, her station, in

6) later etc by Miss Hayes - they may enjoy this more - might reread that little bit of Miss Hayes. Tell them tho in Korea I'm in a respectable foreign house + so far haven't had to dress for an audience. Mrs. Norman will be glad!"

Sunday P.M. a girl I met in New York who is nurse here - Anna Reint - came to take me for a walk. We went out to Peony Point - the cherry blossoms are so pretty + the view of hills - river + fields is so fine from this high point in the old city wall with its tower. We took several good books along to read but had so much to discuss no time to read. She is lovely + we agree just on every point + have real fellowship in spiritual things! Then went with her to dinner in their nice little apartment in the hospital. It is such a joy to be with her. At this we went with the nurses to Korean church - It was packed full - men on one side + women on the other. About 500 nurses were present + there

8) another house. She is getting stronger but very slowly! They heard soldiers are quartered in their station in Hwayuan in Boys school, Girls School + one other mission building - they just barely kept them out of the church + hospital. I hope they won't burn them. The Peking news is all peaceful + we've heard from some women returning to Peking. Consul has let Americans go to Peitaiho, China - (we'd planned to go there for the summer) and several weeks ago he said no one could go there! The Language School is still carrying on. Time will tell whether our going was premature!

Its late now + I'll close for now + get this letter off! I fear our mail will be thinking it takes letters pretty long from Korea. Tell me about reception of cable - about Edith + whether you were frightened at first!

Goodnight precious ones, you seem very near + dear dear to me tonight! How good the Father is to us! How little we seem to do in return - but even our love is cold! God keep you strong + well! Lots of love

Irene.

Pyengyang, Korea
April 29, 1927

The Lovely Land of Chosen!

My what a day we've had!! We seen so much of the little country + the many interesting sights. Miss Snook in Pyengyang is in charge of a Presbyterian Girls School of 185 pupils. Today was the time for the annual Spring picnic so she asked us "China fleas", as we are jokingly called, to come with them an hour and half train ride down to the coast town of Chinampo, Korea. ~~The day~~ We began with getting up at four A.M. — oh it was hard. To save our hostess + her cook we were asked to have Korean breakfast with the teachers of the school. Thus at 5 A.M. we were introduced to Korean food. It proved most appetizing and delicious and not so very different from the food in our Chinese home. It consisted of a bowl of rice and big bowl of meat + "fen tiao" soup. Fen tiao is a very fine clear macaroni like food which is "about as slippery as one can imagine! Then we went by street car to the depot and arrived to see the school girls arriving! It was a sight indeed. All wore dark blue plaited

3. the clatter on the flat rocks with big flat paddles. How they get the clothes so beautifully white is always a mystery to us. Perhaps the oriental glare of the sun takes the place of soap and boiling.

We arrived at our destination and the girls all lined up again and were counted. I thought of that verse which says — Hereby shall ye know that ye love God if ye love one another — and the remark concerning the early christians "how they love one another." At the train was the Korean pastor, quite a group of Korean christians to meet us. They helped all day making arrangements and guiding us around. We stopped at a Korean church. Around the open court were built the pastor's home, a kindergarten building and the church. In the entrance shelves were built on which to place the shoes which all must remove. There were no seats but floor was covered by nice clean matting. The church was in L style with the pulpit in angle of the L. This is to give the men and women separate places to sit. Many churches are this plan, others use a large room with a curtain in the center while the more advanced have dispensed with the curtain but still the men and women are seated

2] shirts with cotton white blouses. Almost all wore the hair in a long shiny black braid down their backs. Here they came marching in twos - 152 - with the long line of girls - ~~spread out~~ fully two blocks long. All are Christian girls and it is a joy to think of the change in their lives! or what lives many are saved from! Such an interesting ride thru a fertile farm land, with some wooded hills and some terraced and well cultivated. The rice paddies were interesting - little squares of land flooded with water & in some men were wading almost hips deep in the mud playing with an ox - It looked just exactly like pictures of such scenes - and how oriental it seems. Some two-wheeled carts drawn by an ox are taking spring vegetables in to market

The Koreans, especially the young people almost all wear white. Long full cotton trousers tied in at the ankles with a long white top coat for the men and small black hat. The women's skirts are plaitied on to a band and wrapped around them. The older women wear a very quaint kind of white head dress. As we ride along we can see numbers walking along the country road. As we near the village we see women washing clothes at edge of the stream - beating

4) separately. From the church we went up to the top of the hill to the most fascinating garden. On the way up we passed shrines to idols — From the top of the hill we had a splendid view of the town + sea beyond! Then we came to the real sight x3 — the cherry blossoms!! Words just fail me! It was just a heavenly sight. This fine big trees perfectly covered with cherry blossoms! Those two words have an entirely new meaning after seeing this spot. The winding paths, ~~[illegible]~~ a bower of whiteness, dark green hedges, little pagodas — stone lanterns leading up to a heathen shrine, ~~a few~~ carved stone idols, several feet high ~~with~~ pink azalias, ~~and~~ yellow flowering bushes and across the little valley the bare hills with variety of colors — the sea beyond! Can you imagine anything more picturesque — We just feasted on the beauty — but were still plebian enuf to heartily appreciate ~~more~~ the lunch Miss Snook had provided. We hated to leave this glory spot and I felt already our trip was well worth-while!! We then went to a pallery where we

[illegible] ladies in bright, quaint costumes & Japanese [illegible] along on wooden [illegible]

5] watched the potter with intense interest as with swift deft fingers he formed vases and bowls from the soft clay on the whirling wheel in front of him. Now vividly Jeremiah's trip to the potter came to us and the lessons which it teaches - truly the potter has power over the clay - to make a vessel as Paul says of honour or dishonour - then the great joy of the promise of II Tim 2:21 "if a man cleanse himself from these he shall be a vessel unto honour sanctified and meet for the Master's use" As the clay was so soft + pliable in the potter's hand so it came again to me we must be in the Master's hand that He may make of us a vessel to be used by Him. Some he made seemed first thought would be open bowls but he crushed the edges together + made a beautifully shaped vase - so our lives may be changed from the first ideas, but if we are willing - it is the Master who is moulding us and our part is to be yielded to His guidance. What a comfort of Jeremiah has such comfort - the clay resisted and had flaws in it and the original plan was marred and the vessel crumbled but "He made it again" - a lesser vessel true - but what hope for us as well as Israel to whom He gave the lesson.

7. After this all went to a Korean restaurant to have dinner. As the main room was full

7] We each had a huge bowl ~~and~~ more than we could eat for the amazing price of 15 sen or about seven and ½ cents. I simply could not believe ~~my ears~~ that it cost so little! At four we started home - some of the girls are asleep - others are singing - I am sure they all feel as we that it has been a most profitable and enjoyable day!

Since we now have a language teacher we have little time for anything else. I want to make up what we've missed these ~~weeks~~ days of ~~preparing~~ to leave Peking and coming to Pyengyang. We feel very fortunate to get a teacher here whose dialect is so near that of Peking. He is a splendid christian and a fine man.

6) we were taken to the guest room - back inside the court. This was in a real Korean room. We removed our shoes & sat on the floor. ~~Let~~ room was about 8 feet wide by 12 long by 10 feet high. At the back were lovely big chests with silver trimming and on top the sleeping pads of red & blue sick. These two things are most important articles of furniture in a Korean home. ~~Beside these~~ ~~there was~~ a small table about twelve inches high completed the furnishings. We sat on the floor which was cool - had it ~~[illegible]~~ winter the floor would have been hot. The floors are made of slate & mud covered with many layers of strong paper & then oiled. It is very sanitary & durable ~~[illegible]~~ this floor is the top of the fire box or heating arrangement - The fire is fed built from a hole in the outside of the foundation wall.

We ordered Kooksu - many of you may have read Miss Hayes' excellent & humorous description of eating this slippery food! If not do get the "Missionary's Diary" from the Board - ~~She describes it~~. ~~We tried~~ At last we managed to get our feet under the little table and tried with chopsticks to eat what we could. It too was soup with meat and flat maccaroni like strings made of buckwheat flour - If you once get a start just draw it in until you can bite it off or it breaks. It was fun & most satisfying -

Presbyterian Mission
Pyungyang, Korea
May 6, 1927

~~My blessed dear Oness~~

I want to get that boat which is next - so will begin my letter tonight!

Just got the last pictures which have come out so well! I'll enclose them - with a bit of explanation on the back. Don't know how much I'll be able to do with pictures here as they are so expensive. films 1.20 yen for a roll of six - then 15 sen for each picture. See the duty into Korea is 100% so it does make things high. I've learned that Japanese have films - tel. try them. We see such interesting sights that I do want to get some pictures.

Today was the first clear day after a week or more of rain - much needed rain + for which the farmers all are grateful + Mrs. Reynolds had just had the yard sodded + it is now

3) to idol – what peace can it give to the heart!! Of course many here in Pyengyang have heard the better way – + probably refused – of course with its 250,000 – I think. With such the huge churches here + great work many haven't heard but isn't it sad to think of them! – but again came to me that verse – stubbornness is as idolatry – so many who are in other lands who know + stubbornly resist all of God are the same in God's sight!! Came home + read the Peking Paper – still peaceful there. I hear the Language School will close in June for 18 mo. The work still seems to be proceeding to get communists in both the North and South + more talk of union of the moderates – but little radical difference. It also had the missy. statement of the Nanking affair which young daughters had in papers there. That it was a deliberately planned attack by soldiers stirred up by communistic wing of the Russians.

2 round she said for sure'.) It was so nice that we walked along the hills a long long way + did enjoy the scene. The freshness of the trees + new leaves - blue, blue sky + fluffy white clouds - with great splotches of darkness on the sunlit fields - shadows from the clouds - It was lovely. We walked part way along the river + it is quite large - with a good sized island in it. There is a water filtration plant which we went thru. Then walked up the hill to the top of old city wall. On the way was a Buddhist temple. Today was Buddha's birthday and first day of summer - so they had all kinds of paper gods, paper lanterns + paper money strung all over the courtyard + some priests were dancing, chanting + beating tom-toms in front. Some were worshipping the Buddha inside. It is so sickening! All the emptiness one can imagine! Worship of noise, flashing color + cheap paper

I feel since all is so peaceful I'd like to be in Peking; my real consolation is that you are more at ease about me here & it sores you ~~both~~ much. Too I am glad for this chance to be here in Korea I feel the language study is retarded - not speaking it every day & then not getting the same drill on sounds & words as I did there but in all - I guess it will come out right. I have to do more individual digging on it. I surely have admired more & marvelled more at what those who came to China & learned Chinese & compiled dictionaries and translated volumes so well that their work is still standard - did all this when it was against the Imperial edict even to teach a foreigner Chinese Well, there surely were "giants in those days"!

The China doctors here have been busy giving all the Korean mission medical examinations - then all of us - as we must be examined every year. I had mine too & am all fine & have come thru the year of

5] Pekings trying dust + hard climate so far all right and thankful to our Father in Heaven for His Care.

Yesterday was Mr. + Mrs. Reynolds 35 wedding anniversary. Ella Reynolds + we girls planned the dinner, table decorations, + all as a surprise. It was very pretty + such fun! They both this Spring have been gardening gardening. See they've been moved + from one house to another till last year. A man in U.S. built a house for the Southern Pres. here in the Seminary. So they designed it + it is lovely so now they are planning the yard + having such a nice place. Mrs. R. just reminds me of your mother! She said some blocs wouldn't bloom this year as they'd been moved two years in succession!!! We looked in Dict + 35 has no significance nor name so we made the joke of the gardening out of it. Got a set of tay garden tools + wrapped for their places - made a little garden for the table centerpiece - then with Chinese place cards, etc. - it was

6) nice! I wrote a poem for them
+ Betty Wright wrote it on
Red paper (See red is China's wedding
color — which was read at the
first after They had come downstairs
to the wedding march — Mr. Reynolds
in Prince Albert + Mrs. R. with an
improvised veil —
At each place was a little straw
garden hat — we'd gone to get the
things (Ella + I) + to get the
sun hats for them so decided
to get little ones for all as favors —
We went to the place where they
make straw hats + had them make
them real little for us (10 each)
but it was interesting to watch
them make them! They sewed them
on sewing machines but surely
were clever! On the floor were little
Korean girls trimming little straw
hats for the babies we see carried
on the mother's backs! + these
were the colors any combination
of red, purple, pink, green, with all
colored beads, in a pink band,
purple bow in front — then pink a
pink feather sticking straight
out of the bow. We saw one
being worn today + it was
killing! The workers were quite
amused at our little hat

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7. They were funny + caused much merriment when we each put on this little hat about 2" across the crown + 4" across brim from one side to the other! Most absurd! dignified scholarly-looking Dr. Reynolds + little hat turned into Simple Simon etc! It was fun! Had fun helping Ella get the table ready - seemed like home. These surely are just lovely people!

Some missys. here decided to have a class in Korean for us. I have gone a few days — had the alphabet of sounds for drill over + over + my they are hard! Don't think I could ever learn it! Haven't studied it really but will imbibe what I can - too much Chinese - I get fed up on too much - am ready to rest a bit, not begin a new language. That last sentence didn't express my meaning - has discontent in it - I don't mean that at all. I mean studying so many hrs. of Chinese is so tiring physically I need to relax after it - not study more language. If I knew I'd have it

8) later it would be different. But I don't — and do know my job now is Chinese!

Had quite a talk with Dr. Whalon of Executive ~~co~~ committee of all N. China. He said not to try to decide or anything — we can't know whether we must transfer nor where they need us & they'd decide it & then consult us. I was glad for that. It won't be till June tho that they meet. Please pray that Lord's will be done in this relation. Mr. Holcraft of Seoul was up this week & interviewed me about a transfer. Didn't urge it but assured me there were many openings & I could be used. I think I shall always feel China my first love! & want so to return, but will gladly work here if way of return is closed.

I'll write more later — now it is late & I must get to bed. ~~Nity~~ Nite my precious dear ones!! How I thank our father for you & love you ah so much! Sometimes it seems I must see you — but His grace is sufficient & He is truly my Joy & Song. Nity nite.

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Sunday Eve.

Such a nice day as this has been! Have taken a wee class of little wigglers in S.S. to help out & they are such sweet little kiddies - tho it is so hard to realize they are learning during the wriggling I do enjoy them! ~~Came back to write Dike - her father died in March. poor kiddie - how my heart hurts for her~~ !! Then right after dinner we went up the river - walked over a mile to a memorial service for one of the first foreigners who came here & was killed. The story goes this way.

In Cheefoo, china the Bible Society agent at least it was Mr. Wylie - in conversation with Korean sailors found they recognized Chinese characters so at once conceived the idea of sending Bible to Korea. In 1865 he got a Mr. Thomas to come. He landed down at one of ports - left a number of Bibles and returned. A number of months later - next year I think - he came again on the American boat the "General Sherman" It came up to Pyengyang - a sailing boat hadn't come up so far before -

The cry "peeran" (escape for your lives) was raised and many fled to hills. The governor at last ordered all to remain at home on pain of death so many were leaving. A great gun fired as the ship came to anchor and the city was paralyzed. The high tide went out and the ship in attempting to leave was caught in the mud - (we saw the place) People gathered from all over in great crowds then to see it - It seems there was some attempt made at parley and talking but the use of guns by the boat gave the wrong impression & it was hard to make them believe they were there only for trade. After a month in the mud the Koreans piled flat sampans with pine brush set it on fire & with the wind just right let it float down to the boat. Then all aboard who attempted escape were killed & boat burned. Later bodies were buried on island where we were today. A minister here now recalls playing in the old hulk when he was a boy." There is a Korean who is doing a lot to get all the facts about it - He spoke this P.M. Spoke of the great zeal of Mr. Thomas & that he gave the man who killed him a

Bible and what a sweet spirit he had as he died. It was the first opening of Korea - The chains of the boat are now in one of the city gate towers. Mr. Moffat the pioneer in Pyengyang had the joy of baptizing the son of one of the Koreans who received a Bible from Mr. Thomas on his first trip to Korea. It was surely a marvelous experience to be there with that great crowd of Korean Christians holding a service over the burial place. A collection was taken to erect a church in Mr. Thomas' memory. At the meeting the first hymn was "In the Sweet Bye + Bye" played by two Koreans on cornets - Then later a quartet sang "Faith of Our Fathers" - one had a remarkable tenor voice. What a testimony to the power of God's word alone and the power of the gospel to see in this short time now one in 10 people Christians - of these 10 million people. China still 1 for every 1,000 - Do you blame me for wanting to go back there! We came down from the island in a big old sail boat

14 with its wonderful artistic old sails.
Our teacher told me his story saturday. He has been a Christian for six years. He said he wouldn't go to school, gambled, drank etc. He became a christian + was so interested in the Bible that he finished his Education + has read the Bible thru ten times. He must have used his time well because he can teach the Literary Wen-Li - has taught music in Shanghai Baptist Academy. He said his people opposed his conversion till they saw his changed life - which they thought most strange -, he explained why to them + later all of them believed. His father who was a merchant became a minister. He is now pastor in Seoul, Korea. Mr. Wang was quite excited when I told him I was going to Shantung, Yihsien for his fiancées home is near there. She is now in Pres. School at Tengshien. It was all so interesting and it does give one courage to keep on + go on. To be able to win one even like him - life would be well spent. He is so enthu-

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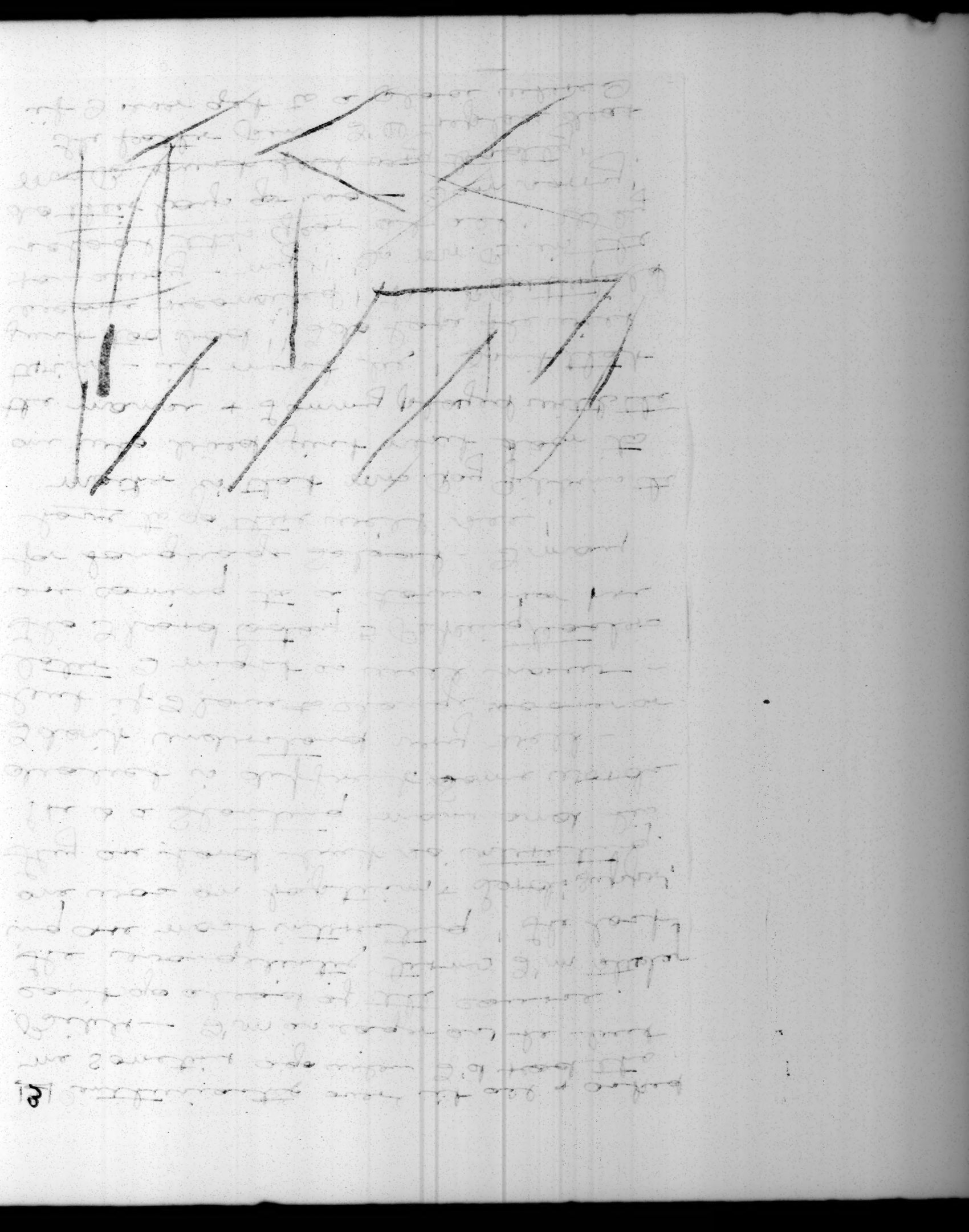
13 enthusiastic over it all + asked me sometime ago when I'd read the Bible — I'm as eager as he but can't go ahead of the course. The evangelistic terms I'm studying are most interesting! The last one was on baptism + Lord's supper. They are hard but so interesting. He is a Shanting man and his dialect is different. Some words I don't understand very well — but if I have to change sooner or later I might as well now — Tho I heard today 5 Peking teachers are coming to a town near here for language School — I may have to go there we'll see!

Mother is that Mrs. Ray Gibbins the one who lived just next door to the manse + Tommy played with the twins — it must be! Isn't that just too bad!! I do hope she will become reconciled! Frank Butterfield ran away — my!! Is Mr. B. in the school this year at all! Why do their boys go so — I am sorry! Mr. B. must feel very badly!

The feather pen — I'll replace dear if I ever get to a place where I



[4] can get them. - can't here. Any sorry!, So grieved over Harry + Anna!! Where are they? - glad the congregational dinner was so well attended, + all. Since I owe so many letters + you, suggested sending my printed ones - later I'll send a sheet for each one to you with a little Korean something + you can put a couple in each one! I sent one to Isabel Miller + put a lot of names on it to we sent on. I hate to but there is not other way -

Speaking of Feng last week's paper said he had wired Chiang Kai-Shih, leader of Moderate Nationalists he was for his side + would fight communism with him. That is good news, I don't know how to reach Dr. Bash now. She has gone - Dr. C. Clementine Bash. her home is in Seattle - Mrs. Williams could give you her address. Her furlough was antedated because of illness of her mother - whom they didn't think would live till she got home ~~so~~ it may be if she did she'd be an invalid. It may be she will be unable to come for a time but do write her anyway.

15 | I've just written to get trace of Helen - don't know where she is. We had a report of their being sent here - then of being sent home + being kept in Shanghai. I've never heard from her even thru others - so have absolutely no idea now. Hope to hear soon.

I shall be very eager to hear about any Roseburg trades! Mother do tell me how you and Daddy Si are feeling - whether well - or better or how? Its about time for a letter from Daddy Si - "Honey, you need a hair cut tonite! Yes + you must have a shampoo !! Can't get out of it" "Daddy Si does Mumsie still get your pyjams down the glory hole - etc" Be awful careful of Mumsie dear + don't let her walk downtown - its too hard on her! You precious loved ones! How sweet you've always been to us + what a blessing we have in you wonderful Daddy Si + Mumsie dear! Take good care of yourselves! Be sure.

16 Ray sent me a copy of the slip he put in the congregation with an itemized list of "What I will do": teach, give etc — one item was pray for & write to our missionary. He didn't say what that our meant or make any reference to it. I suppose I'm adopted living in the family — well that's mighty nice anyway!

Must get to bed. Sara has gone over to take care of a sick missionary — gone for four nights. We just took her over. I miss her much.

It is late. Nity-nite. How near the Master seems and how precious his presence & the bring you very close to me tonight tho we're half a world away — In Christ united still are we — It is a joy & privilege to live here & to see these miracles of grace around us.

Good nite dearest ones!

With much love —

Irene —

Love to all & thanks them for prayers & interest.